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Schedule of Events

July 27-General Meeting-7:00 p.m.
Norman Caldwell, Professional Surveyor, Presenter
All are welcome. Refreshments served
August 13-Annual Chicken Barbecue at Post 182
Serving from 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.
Tractor Pull-11:00 a.m. Open to the public.
August 24th Fall Social-Potluck Dinner-
Tuscan Lodge-6:00 PM
Clintonaires Barbershop Group
September 28-General Meeting-7:00 p.m.
Nuremburg Trials- F. Beach, Presenter
All are welcome. Refreshments served
October 26-General Meeting-7:00 p.m.
Survivor-Germany-WWII- Ms. Burleson
All are welcome. Refreshments served
October 28-Masquerade Party, Post 182 9:00 p.m.
Costume judging-Prizes awarded-Open to Public.
November 11-Veteran's Day-Hunter's Ball
Post 182- 9:00 p.m.-1:00 Open to the public.
November 16-HAHS Holiday Celebration-6:00 p.m.
Craft Show! Come and get into the holiday spirit!
Everyone Welcome! Meeting held at Parish Hall

All HAHS meetings at St. John's School unless noted otherwise. All Post 182 events held at the clubhouse.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue. Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them. Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague. A truly happy person is the one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane!

Great Gift Idea! Hubbardston Heritage Recipe Collection and Lore -by Joanne Burns Howard and Mary Stoddard Caris, \$14.95 ea. We have limited copies left. Hubbardston Genealogy 1780-1930 by Peter Burns and Joanne Burns Howard, \$29.95. (Multiples-\$15 each) All proceeds go to the Hubbardston Area Historical Society. **Special offer until they run out-both books for \$30.** Order today for Christmas! 400 copies were sold in May. Available at HAHS Museum Room. Or call 989-584-3803 or at HAHS, Box 183, Hubbardston, Mi. 48845

First Families of the Four Corners FFOFC

Did your ancestors arrive in Ionia, Montcalm Gratiot or Clinton county in 1880 or before? The Hubbardston Area Historical Society, in an effort to determine the earliest residents, has available at the HAHS Museum Room or by mail to those interested in researching their family histories, an application for membership in FFOTFC. For information write to HAHS Box 183, Hubbardston, Mi. 48845, attn: Genealogy Committee

Fourth Annual Meeting and Election

We had a perfect crowd at our May 2006 Annual Meeting. The "Stew" was wonderful, the staff busy socializing with the guests, memberships renewed in large numbers at this convenient opportunity to do so and our new book - Hubbardston Heritage Recipe Collection and Lore, a smash hit. Those of you who wish to purchase copies for Christmas gifts need to make those purchases now as our supply is rapidly shrinking thanks to all of our wonderful members and friends who purchased the book in multiple numbers. (See special offer!). For the election, the incumbents: Julianne Burns McKenna, Philip McKenna, Jack Fahey, Marie Marion Sweet and Duane Fahey were all reinstated as Board Members. And we welcome sincerely, our new Board Member Janet Kelly, wife of Allen Kelly who is chairman of the Calendar Committee. We are so fortunate to have board members who take such an avid interest in our historical society and make every effort to attend as many meetings as possible, even though all of them have to travel substantial distances. Thanks also to Carolyn Cunningham who responded to our request and allowed us to place her name on the ballot.

The Memorial Day Parade Committee representatives on hand to sell raffle tickets and sweatshirts, Rita Huhn and Katie Cashen, had very successful sales also. Duane Fahey

had a terrific 'Power Point' pictorial presentation on Hubbardston history which was well attended and appreciated. The Irish Dancers under the direction of Pat Baese did another fantastic job. Julianne Burns McKenna and Phil McKenna chaired the business session of the party commending all involved with the HAHS on their wonderful work in achieving the success we are enjoying. With 226 members and 59 five-year members, we are the largest and fastest growing historical society in the state of Michigan. Hubbardston has always been an unpredictable entity and believe me; we are so fortunate and so appreciative of the community support, the nationwide interest and the personal commentaries which have been our strength. Those Irish Roots are deep and strong!

A very special guest was Shirley Allen who made the trip from Florida to be with us. A wonderful surprise was the beautiful hand done Irish print quilt which she made last winter in Florida, had her daughter machine quilt and then donated it to the Hubbardston Area Historical Society to be raffled as a fund raiser for HAHS. With members like Shirley, who has achieved senior status in years and is legally blind, this is just the most wonderful of gifts. We treasure it and our friendship! We have volunteers every day at our Museum Room and one way we reward these most gracious people is with certificates of appreciation. This year's winners were genealogists Jack and Ann Fahey and Marie Sweet. It is a rare day when they are not available to help. Local volunteer and most faithful of all visitors was Billie Herald Cunningham and greatest distance traveled went to Shirley Allen from Florida.

Our first volunteer cited for extraordinary effort (in 2005) was Mary Stoddard Caris. She is a whiz at organization and filing. Stop by our Museum Room this summer and see the materials and displays which she has masterminded.

For those of you who have pictures and items you would like preserved and displayed for others to enjoy, feel free to stop by any Tuesday or Wednesday (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) We have donation slips to register permanently your contributions to HAHS at the ready so that your tax-free donations can be enumerated for filing purposes. More important than anything to the continued success of the Hubbardston Area Historical Society are our faithful and supportive members. God bless each and every one of you in a special way each day of your life!

A minister was completing a Temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." And then, shaking his fist in the air he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, "Shall We Gather at the River." Smile, life is too short not to!! See you at the river. (J Dailey)

.January 17, 1830-Ionia Sentinel Standard

By actual count we find that there are at present residing in the village of Hubbardston-population 460: ten widowers, 35 widows, 20 bachelors and 20 old maids. (Peter Burns)

The promise of Marriage-More Beautiful in Time

Tom and Norma Falor Fitzpatrick celebrated their 50th anniversary at the home of their son Doug and Shelly Fitzpatrick on Maple Rapids Road with a beautiful lawn party. Tents and tables were arranged for visiting. Food was served in the kitchen, Irish Dancers performed on the lawn and the atmosphere was festive with Tom and Norma looking excited, happy and very pleased that 'Farmer's Luck' prevailed and the day was perfectly gorgeous for them. On Sunday they repeated their vows at St. Mary's with their family in attendance. Continued healthy years to you! Health and happiness to **Bill and Alberta Gage** on 50 years. Congratulations also to **Pat and Florence Kohn Burns** on their 56th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2006 and all of you couples celebrating 50 years and more!



Happy 99th Birthday Helen Burns

On June 30, 2006, Helen Burns, a charter member of HAHS celebrated her 99th birthday with her family. She loves the newsletter, receiving cards and reads every one of them. Helen resides at Woodlawn Meadows, 1821 N. East Street, Hastings, Mi. 49058.

Let's shower her with cards on this special occasion! Ford Burns, Helen's brother, also a charter member of HAHS will celebrate his 95th birthday on November 15, 2006. "God Bless all of our 'seniors.'

Chris Bozung "Lutier"& CB Guitars by Scott Street (adapted)

Henry Bozung was a World War I soldier, a craftsman, and a skilled fisherman. His son Alvin was a World War II soldier, a toolmaker and an artisan supreme. Alvin and Beatrice's son, Chris Bozung who grew up on Island Road on Hubbardston's east side, follows in shoes hard to fill, but does it with expertise. His mother Beatrice loved the guitar and Chris, the 5th of ten children, was the only one who showed any interest in the instrument. He learned to "play by ear," listening to his mother and developed a talent for

the instrument which compelled him to play in the local Hoskin's "Home Grown Grass" Band. Chris married Dixie, one of Shorty and Helen's daughters. In 1988 Chris moved to Nashville and through a local friend, Mark Taylor, was encouraged to start building stringed instruments himself. For eight years Chris and Mark developed their technique. Repairing guitars and banjos turned into a full-time career of building guitars and shaping banjo necks for Rich and Taylor and as guitar builder for 'Crafters of Tennessee.' Chris credits Mark Taylor for his expertise in repair and construction of stringed instruments and much knowledge gained over the years from their association. Chris has his shop adjacent to his home in Fairview, Tennessee, about twenty-five miles southwest of Nashville.

While at Rich and Taylor, Chris built many elaborate art guitars for Grand Ole Opry stars, among them Hank Snow, Porter Wagoner, Del Reeves and Billy Walker. While repairing a 'vintage' guitar, including a 1934 herringbone, Chris developed the basic patterns for the construction of today's CB Guitars. He also learned pearl cutting and inlay work. In 2002 Chris began working full-time at CB Guitars, and his guitars quickly created a stir among Nashville area musicians. Chris has completed more than four-hundred guitars at present. He now has a twelve-month waiting list; some customers ordering their second, third or fourth guitar from him. He is able to produce about forty guitars a year. His guitars are built in five basic body shapes: dreadnaught, slope-shoulder (J), "Super," grand concert and auditorium. CB also offers a banjo, a "git-jo," and a resophonic guitar, the CB-ROM. With the exception of finishing, Chris does all of his own work and has built his own custom jigs and many of his tools. Every guitar is a custom guitar and unique features specified by the customer can be found on many....

"Although I basically use a slight variation of the 'advanced X' bracing found on the '34 herringbone, I hand voice the bracing of my instruments to match the tonal characteristics of the woods used. Mahogany guitars are voiced to yield greater bass response and warmer tones for overall balance. Indian rosewood guitars are voiced for greater mid-range and treble response...A top of Adirondack or red spruce is popular now and I'm using that in about two-thirds of the guitars I'm currently building. I find I get excellent results from Sitka and Engelmann as well. My personal taste favors Sitka, because I like the tone of the 50's Martins. For back and sides I'll use mahogany, Indian rosewood, Honduran rosewood, Brazilian rosewood, cocobolo and occasionally maple. I've built one guitar with Brazilian cherry sides and back. I admit, though, my personal favorite is mahogany. I probably sell as many of the slope-shoulder mahogany guitars as I do anything else, because people have got the word out about their versatility."

One fan of Chris's guitars is Jim Wood, five-time Tennessee State Fiddle Champion, who owns Pinewood Studio in Shelbyville, Tennessee where artists such as John Hartford, Mike Compton, Roland White, Ronnie McCoury, Kathy Chiavola and Shane Adkins have recorded. Jim Wood stated what he thought set CB Guitars apart. "They have soul and personality. They have those special tonal characteristics

that actually inspire the musician...Chris has found a way of bracing a mahogany dreadnaught to get a stronger bass while retaining crystal clear notes from all of the strings...My CB Guitars have the dynamic range you expect from an old Martin." You can find many pictures at Chris's excellent website, www.cbguitars.com where you can follow Chris through the basic steps of building a guitar, see the basic options he offers and even hear samples of his various models. **Some of the best luthiers in history are building guitars today and Chris Bozung surely ranks high among them.** Chris and Dixie have three children; Daniel-14, Hannah-5 and Katie-2 years-old. You can e-mail Chris at: info@cbguitars.com or use the snail-mail address: CB Guitars, 7175 New Hope Road, Fairview, Tennessee 37062. Chris's mother Beatrice is a charter member of HAHS and regularly attends coffee hour and meetings.

Letters from Readers:

I really enjoyed getting the recipe book. Thanks for sending it to me. I look forward to your newsletter. You really are doing a wonderful job. Keep up the good work. You have a wonderful hobby. (Patricia O'Brien Koenigschnecht, Fowler, Mi.)

Last week I had a chance to see the new Hubbardston Genealogy book at the Ionia County Genealogical Society at our Freight House Complex. What a treat that was. I did not have time to read the stories but I turned to family groups and enjoyed reading most of those....Only one time did I ever get to Hubbardston for the chicken dinner on Memorial Day and for the parade. I was so glad we went. On our way home we drove a mile off our route to see the East Plains Cemetery for the first time. Since then I was one of the ICGS members who walked the cemetery writing down names and dates from every marker. The pastor of the local church had offered that we could use his church. What a welcome that was to use their facilities and eat our packed lunches in cool comfort. Now I often refer to the book published with the results of our inventory. One Mary Moore Goodwin Locke buried there was a relative of my husband's family. She had eight children and died young. Then he married Minerva Jennings, a North Plains widow. (Elaine Garlock, Clarksville, Mi. Elaine also sent two pages of family history on the Gaineys, Egans, and Shoen's)

Thank you so much for the recipe book. I have already tried a few dishes and they were great. Again you have created a masterpiece. Congratulations. Hope all is well with you and Bud. (Vickie Cannon (O'Neill family), Montrose, Colorado)

Just delightful! I enjoyed the cookbook and a great deal of the interesting data also. Too enjoyable for a gift, so put this donation on the books. And many thanks. (Florence Behan, Laud by the Sea, Florida)

Time certainly flies. Overall the Golden Years are fun with a few obstacles thrown in just to make them more interesting. I just received your latest newsletter and again accolades are in order for a most informative report of the activities of HAHS. I wish Shirley and I could attend the Annual Meeting as before, but ironically we will be in St. Johns the week of June 19th. I was notified that the St. Johns Redwing Football teams of 1949, 50 and 51 are being inducted into the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame at

Lansing Community College on June 22, 2006 We were undefeated during those three years and after half a century, someone took notice and our accomplishments are finally being recognized. Since I have not seen many of the earlier team members (Shirley and I graduated in 1952) we just had to return to see some of these "old" football players.

While our visit will be short, we are certainly going to see Tom and Norma Fitzpatrick while in the area. They drove out here to see us last year and Tom and I have memories to recall of our youth while living in the Hubbardston area. It is obvious that you and your friends have done a marvelous job promoting the society and it is gaining a fine reputation throughout the nation. God Bless you and all the Hubbardston Gentry. **(Jerry Benedict, Sand Point, Idaho)**

I am enclosing memberships for my two sons. Possibly they can attend some of your activities. I wanted to tell you I read that joke about the two Jewish aunts to our Lion's Club and it brought the house down. We have 50-60 at a meeting and there were about 6 of the synagogue there that day. They enjoyed it as much or more than the rest. **(Bernard Burns, Michigan City, Indiana)**

Always enjoy your lovely notes – wish I had a pretty hand as you do. Enclosed is my check for a cookbook. I'm looking forward to it. I knew Wilma Slocum and I remember Hank at the flour mill very well. He was always dressed in white with a pipe in his mouth and usually covered with flour. Till another day of remembering. **(Emogene Drost, Germantown, Tennessee)**

Thank you for sending me the copy of the Hubbardston Heritage Recipe Collection and Lore. I do believe we Irish are blessed with ESP. I have five book shelves filled with cookbooks and I wouldn't part with a single one. I do have two other Irish cookbooks and one of John's favorites is for Irish Stew. I see you have an old recipe on page 85. I also make a good brown bread and have taught my grandson Daniel how to make it. Congratulations. I may be in Michigan in July and hope to call on you. **(Shirley Davern Fox, Salinas, California)**

Thank you, thank you for sending the Recipe Collection and Lore. You and Mary did a fantastic job. You have a great talent. Thank you so very much for all your time and research. It was a great endeavor. I have enjoyed reading it. I have memories of the Slocum's. Their cows would come up to the fence behind my Aunt Bertha and Clara's home. I fondly remember Mrs. Slocum's cookies, especially her sugar cookies with sugar on the top and a raisin. Thank you for writing the newsletter also. I look forward to receiving it. I was surprised to read the story about Frank McHenry. Mary Catherine and my mother were cousins and the best of friends, like sisters. My family situation made it difficult to spend time with them. So it must seem strange to you that I enjoy these stories and newsletters to fill in my early life. I am hoping to take a ride up to Hubbardston this summer to pay a visit to my mother and relatives graves. Also, I have always liked to drive around the countryside. Have a fun summer. **(Berta Nieman Lalomia, Jackson, Mi.)**

What a delight to find the cookbooks in the mailbox this morning. Now I've shot the afternoon reading it. Thank you so much for all the work you have put into it. Tell Bud the

poem High Flight has always been one of my favorites since I read it in high school. You know, I have never seen so many "Peanut Butter Fudge" recipes in my life. Makes one wonder about the people with roots in Hubbardston. Stay well and keep in touch. **(Joie O'Connor Spencer, Muskegon, Mi.)**

How nice to hear from you and the recipe book looks very interesting, especially some of the recipe names. We plan to try some of them. Please accept my donation to the Historical Society. Say Hello to Bud and stay healthy and wise. **(Jerry Montero, Grand Ledge, Mi.)**

Please forward an application for membership in the First Families of the Four Corners to me. I have located my ancestor, Richard Cousins/Couzzins in the 1880 Federal Census in North Plains. He came to the U.S. from Ireland in 1866 and in 1880 was married to the former Ellen Ledgidge and they had one son at that time. Enclosed is my membership renewal to continue my newsletter delivery. **(Patricia Gaulke, Eau Claire, Wisconsin)**

Enjoyed your new book. I think my cut glass cruet may be like yours. Mine came from Ireland in 1847. I'll get a picture and send it to you. **(Juanita Cusack Quinn, Tulsa, Oklahoma)**

I love the cookbook. You did a wonderful job. Congrats and kudos! **(Carol Lehto Howard, Avon, IN.)**

Enclosed are my dues...I really enjoy the newsletters. I have lived in Hubbardston for 56 years. **(Ruth Riley, Hubbardston)**

Thanks so much for thinking of me. I'm enclosing a donation for the recipe book... It is great having it signed by you and Mary. I will treasure it. **(Margaret Hogan Schineman, Lansing, Mi.)**

Thanks Joanne for sending me the cookbook. I can't get anything else done, or even read the other mail. My nose is in the cookbook. I see you used two of my crème-de-menthe recipes. When my sister Mary's kids were little, one of them said that Aunt Julia puts booze in everything. Nice picture of the class of '39 also. Can't wait to have more time to peruse the book. You do such a great job with all of your books. See you have an ISBN number, too. Great! There is a new book out about Elmer's (Esch) unit in WWII entitled "Operation Jedburgh" by Colin Beavan. He had written Elmer a while back for research. It just came out May 1, 2006 and I bought it that week. It is so full of history and especially the Jedburghs, all 300 of them are listed in the back and I found Elmer's name. It's full of pictures, too and Elmer spent hours looking at them. He just loved the book and for a few hours really enjoyed it. The men of his unit were the daredevils who got things done underground. Churchill said the war would have been lost without them. They were the office of Strategic Services and the CIA was formed from that after the war. Elmer had calls to come back to it after the war, but he wanted to stay home and raise his family...I found the name of their leader and read that part to Elmer as he knew him and I had read a book that we have on Wild Bill Donovan... His daughters are excited and buying it for their sons, too. The author sent me an autograph and a message for both of us. Will try to do the Ionia Co. book. Thanks again for sending the cookbook so early. **(Julia Burns Esch, Lansing, Mi.) More info follows below:**

Operation Jedburgh: D-Day and America's First Shadow War by Colin Beavan

As you know, my grandfather was one of the chiefs of Operation Jedburgh. It is my hope by writing this book to get recognition for him and for all the "Jeds." In the weeks following D-Day, nearly 300 specially trained American, British, and French soldiers were dropped deep behind enemy lines to launch Operation Jedburgh, an elaborate and highly effective guerilla campaign against the German war machine. It was the first mission for the Office of Strategic Services, the precursor of the CIA. In this dramatic history, author Colin Beavan uses scores of interviews with Operation Jedburgh participants to vividly recreate a little-known but significant aspect of World War II. Massive in scope but written with the precision of a fast-paced thriller, Operation Jedburgh is a must read for fans of Rick Atkinson's An Army at Dawn and Ken Follett's Eye of the Needle. For more information go to www.operationjedburgh.com

Visitors to the HAHS Museum Room in recent weeks have been from Muskegon, St. Johns, Grand Ledge, Middleton, Greenville, Carson City, Stanton, Ionia, Westphalia and Portland Mi., Georgia, North Carolina, Florida, Arizona, Oregon and California. Recent additions have been picture collections, 1901 graduation diploma, books, GAR Drum, newspapers, magazines, census records, tables, 1854 bell, a case of player piano roll music, glass and crystal serving dishes and a beautiful hand-made quilt. Stop by this summer or whenever you are in the vicinity.

A Peek at Our Future Genealogists

Senior Athlete of the Year, **Stephanie Osborne** was one of the few three-sport athletes in the area. Osborne had a full plate each season for Carson City-Crystal. She was rewarded multiple times for her play on both the court and diamond and now has picked up one more award-The Daily News 2005-2006 Senior Girls Athlete of the Year. "In all of my sports I wish our team records would have been better but I made sure I had fun this year." Osborne is coming off a 2006 season where her batting average was .290 and her .989 fielding percentage was among the top defensive numbers on the Eagle team. Osborne earned a second team all-Central State Activities Association (CSAA) designation and was named second team all area by the Daily News...Girl's Basketball was where Stephanie excelled. She finished with a 10.7 points per game average and a 6.4 steals each contest. Once again, the girl known as "Ozzy" was a first-team all-CSAA and first team all-area choice...Osborne will go on to Aquinas College in Grand Rapids in the fall... "I'll probably play intramural sports. I want to make sure I can handle the workload." Stephanie is the grand daughter of Patricia Stoddard Osborne who was a major force in the research and organization of the history of the area and Historical Designation of the St. John the Baptist Parish Complex in 2001. Good Luck and God speed, Stephanie.

We must also take note of some wonderful young people who started out in my choir at St. Mary's and St. John the Baptist and are now preparing for their chosen professions: Jackie and Jennie Ward made news throughout their high school years as terrific athletes in a variety of endeavors. Stephanie Schafer, with her neat personality had me pegging her as a rising young dramatist. Alyssa Schafer, and Barry Christiansen are vital in choir as they prepare for their senior year in high school. Alyssa as an Irish dancer and soloist throughout the area is multi-talented. Stephanie Burnham is also college bound in the fall. Emily Baese, a senior this year, has made a name for herself as a 'champion' in the Irish Dance field and her brother Ian has terrific talent in that area, also. In March, 2006 Emily did a command performance for Gov. Jennifer Granholm who loved every minute of the dance. Bridget McCrackin, was Carson City Frontier Queen in June, 2006. Carmen Waldron, just completed her state boards to fulfill her nursing credentials and on July 27th she is off to Kenya, Africa to do an eight month stint with Catholic Medical Missions there. What talented young people I have had the great good fortune to know and work with since returning to the area in 1989. God Bless these and all of our talented youngsters. The future is theirs! We've done our best!

Clever Ways to Say Someone is Not Too Swift!

She's sharp as a marble!
The wheel's spinning, but the hamster's dead!
One patch shy of a crazy quilt!
An intellect somewhere between rock and moss!
A few feathers short of a whole duck! (J.S.)

John Rademacher (grandson of Bud and Joanne Howard)

traveled to India- and the Himalayan Mountains for an environmental study under auspices of Professors of Forestry at MSU from May 14, 2006 from Detroit to New Delhi for a 3 week summer school study opportunity which was a terrific success. The mountains and valleys were beautiful, lush with green and multiple waterfalls and the people were friendly and helpful. The Taj Mahal was their last stop and left an impressive image with them. There were 14 students and two professors together for a special opportunity to study in a most unusual location. Curry and lamb will not be on the menu at home in Michigan for a while however. Trekking in the mountains, testing the local cultural diet, enduring a radical climate differential and sleeping in tents under the stars was a rare and enjoyable experience for all.

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past with a Dalmatian dog sitting on the front seat. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep the crowds back," said one youngster. "No, he's just for good luck," said another. A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

Charter member and eighteen year veteran Portland teacher, **Ginny Howard Rademacher** received the '**Christine Rainey Special Education Teacher of the Year**' award at Ionia's Royal Heritage Conference Center on May 10th, 2006. A lovely dinner was served, multiple certificates were awarded to outstanding educators to complete a beautiful evening.

A related item: Lyons-Muir Historical Society is 27 years old in 2006. **Wilma Ackerson**, its senior member, was cited that night for her **24 years of working with Special Education and the Parent's Commission** in Ionia County prior to her retirement. Today Wilma entertains all the local societies with her humorous renditions of her early life experiences and local history. Teachers are teachers forever!

Kevin Cunningham Ryan, grandson of charter member Billie Herald Cunningham graduated from University of North Carolina in May, 2006 as the Conference Champion in Decathlon. Sister, Emily Ann Ryan graduated from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 2003. She works for Hospitality America in Charlotte, North Carolina as Vice-President of Sales and Marketing. Another sister, Erin Marie Ryan graduated from University of North Carolina in 2004, and is presently in cosmetology school full time and working as a waitress-receptionist. We all eventually find our niche. Mother Julie is presently spending time with her mother in Hubbardston allowing us to 'catch-up-on' those special 'grands' which God has sent to us as a reward for 'growing older.'

Tom Howard, this year's **State Journal Baseball Player of the Year**, who's 6-foot-5, and Baseball Homerun Hitter of the year at Grand Ledge-signed a letter of intent to attend CMU in the fall of 2006. Tom is the son of HAHS charter member Mark and Lisa Schiezka Howard. Twice this season he led off games with a home run. He is batting .556 and has an on-base percentage of .684. To date-May 8, 2006, he has 14 homeruns in 23 games. The record is 17 at GL. At 6-foot-5, Howard isn't a prototypical leadoff man. He was a Class A all-area selection last fall as an outside linebacker for the Comet's football team. His imposing reputation has made getting big hits this spring much more difficult. "That's part of the process," baseball coach Pat O'Keefe said. "For years, that's been a part of what guys with success have to deal with. But the hard work has paid off for him." Tom also was chosen to play at Comerica Stadium on June 21 in the East-West Game which pits the top baseball players from the state of Michigan against each other for an exciting experience in the 'big-league' park.

Sarah Caverly of Greenville has advanced to the state finals after winning the division title at Montcalm County's Junior Classic Golf Tournament at Glenkerry Golf Course. Caverly graduated from Greenville High School last month and led the 'jackets' to a an eighth place finish at the state finals. Another division winner from Carson-City Crystal High School is **Andrew Hogan**, 16, son of Michael and Susan Hogan of Muir. Eighteen boys and five girls competed in the tournament at the par 70 course.

Kaliece Fields-4-H'er of the Year

Kaliece Fields was the first runner-up for Montcalm County 4-H'er of the year in 2004 and 2005. Now, the third time's a charm for the 19 year-old from Carson City. Kaliece was chosen from six finalists on July 1, 2006 at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds in Greenville with several hundred people on hand for the announcement. "I was really excited," Fields said after her name was announced. "I've been going for this for a long time. It reflects what I've done over the years. I think it's the biggest honor in 4-H." Her mother, Michele Cashen was all smiles. "I'm very, very proud of her. There were a lot of 4-H'ers and it's really competitive. This is the Academy Awards of 4-H." Fields-a member of the 'Kountry Kritters' 4-H Club, is a sophomore at MSU where she majors in agricultural communications. She hopes to be a 4-H youth educator or work in promoting agriculture. Kaliece has been in 4-H for nine years and lives with her mother on a dairy farm in rural Carson City. She has been a state award delegate for beef for the past four years and was a state award winner for beef last year. Kaliece is the grand daughter of HAHS members Bob and Katie Burns Cashen.

Thanks to Jeanne Laird of Ada, Michigan for a wonderful collection of note-cards, sayings and book marks sent to HAHS. Jeanne is a founding member of Ledge Craft Lane in Grand Ledge and an accomplished commercial artist besides being a very good friend over the years. We raised our children together as next door neighbors in Grand Ledge.

Martin Glynn's Funeral and related news-1942

On hand at the HAHS museum room is an endearing story about Maggie, Martin and Mike Glynn by Tim Montgomery in 1942. Janet Riley Burns passed the tale on to us. It seems Maggie, who lived very frugally, had some much desired antiques which visitors tried often to purchase. You really had to prove your lineage to be invited inside the house to visit. Howard Montgomery was the visitor and it so happened that his father had lived on Cowman Rd. (Hell Street) in his youth and stopped by each morning to walk with Maggie, Martin and Mike to school in Hubbardston. Those were the days of 'wakes or visitations' in the home of the deceased. Funeral home visitation as we know it today was non-existent. To keep the family reputation intact, the "best" was always displayed to the public at the time of the death of a family member. Martin Glynn had been bed-ridden for years and the story of his death, of Martin's trek to the attic to lay out all of his clothes for his funeral six weeks before he died when Maggie had an urgent need to go to Ionia is hilarious. Pants from Milwaukee purchased 30 years before when he was sailing the Great Lakes, coat and vest from his mother's funeral 19 years before; all packed away between cedar boughs in a trunk in the attic. On that very prolific day, he also penned his last will and testament, "leaving everything (after his funeral expenses) to my loving sister, Maggie for her cooking and washing for me

for 30 years." Upon his death, Maggie dug out the 'new' imitation Oriental rug, the new curtains, the beautiful pink lamp from the attic storage and a box of 'Baby Dunn' cigars for guests at the visitation. Later it was learned that only a select few were offered cigars. Brother Mike passed them out to a very chosen few, passing the box, skipping those he wished. Only a special few were to smoke the 'Baby Dunsns' on Martin.

On a return visit by the Montgomery's to see Maggie after the funeral, she related the fine funeral, the visitors filling the house, the porch and the yard and everyone bringing something. The pie from Mary Ryan, the cake from Kate O'Neil, and Maggie Cahalan's beans and Maggie, herself 'never having to set foot in the kitchen or a hand to the stove the whole time.' Oh, it was a great celebration for Martin. "When we left, Maggie gave us a Begonia plant in a string bean can and a sack of potatoes in memory of my father. There was no apology for these simple gifts; it was all she had to offer and she gave it out of the fullness of her heart." (Martha Ann Montgomery)

And now, the rest of the story. When Maggie Glynn died, Ford Burns was the funeral director and her will stated that after funeral expenses, everything was to go to St. John the Baptist Church. When Ford brought the final check to Father Fox after all bills and expenses were paid, the amount was never divulged. **However, St. John the Baptist Parish was debt-free for the first time in its history.** Father Fox invited Ford to the rectory kitchen, reached up in the cupboard for two 'snifters,' and poured a 'toast to Maggie' for her generosity to the parish! It was a very good day!

We say Goodbye:

Mary Catherine Sheaffer, 87, of Hubbardston passed away on May 26, 2006. Mary Catherine is survived by eight children: Sister Lois Ann Sheaffer of Saginaw. Larry Sheaffer of Lansing, Nancy Sheaffer Duff of Caledonia, Thomas (Phyllis) of Naples, Florida, Daniel (Brenda) Sheaffer of Ionia, Roland (Lorna) Sheaffer of Perry, Florida, Philip (Janet) of Grand Ledge, Diane (Robert) Weldon of Lansing; 23 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; sister, Margaret Schineman of Lansing; brother, Michael (Camilla) Hogan of Hubbardston. Funeral services were May 31, 2006 from St. John the Baptist Church in Hubbardston with Fr. Mason of Pewamo as celebrant. Daughter, Sr. Lois delivered a beautiful homily for her mother which touched everyone in the congregation. A lovely dinner was served after the service to 250 people by the ladies of the parish. Donations may be made to Mid-Michigan Hospice in Mary Catherine's name. So many times, Mary Catherine would tell me these wonderful stories about her ancestors, the unusual happenings in their early lives, the near-tragedy of her brothers Martin and Gerald during World War Two where they were wounded, captured, missing in action, etc. No one had to help her maintain the farm machinery or chores around the farm. She knew how to handle engine repairs as well as manage her household duties. She loved life and truly enjoyed her family. May she rest and enjoy her heavenly reward.

Martha Moran, 93, of Carson City passed away Sunday June 4, 2006 at St. Mary's Rehabilitation Center in Grand Rapids. She was born August 19, 1912 to Thomas and Margaret Barrett Kavanagh. On Feb. 3, 1940 she married Francis "Frank" Moran at St. Mary's Church in Carson City. He died in 1975. Martha was a homemaker all of her life. She taught school and was an office worker prior to her marriage. She was a lifetime member of St. Mary's Altar Society and she volunteered at Carson City Hospital until she was 89 and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her grandson Daniel Neilson; son-in-law David Neilson; sisters, Marjorie Kavanagh, Cecilia Fitzpatrick, Leona Robke, Kate McKenna; and brothers, Patrick, Jim, Tom and Lawrence Kavanagh. She is survived by three daughters, Margaret and Ernest Widmaier of Grand Rapids, Agnes Neilson of Fort Wayne, May and Richard Genesco of Wixom; sister-in-law Helen Kavanagh; brother-in-law Fan McKenna and many nieces, nephews, grands and great grandchildren. Her funeral was at St. Mary's in Carson with Rev. Tom Thompson officiating. Burial was in Maryknoll Cemetery, Carson City. Martha's funeral was a tribute to her life. The church was filled. Visiting and socializing filled the atmosphere and memorials were comforting, humorous and heart-warming, just as was Martha's life.

Bernice Bozung Caudy, daughter of Henry Bozung of Hubbardston succumbed to cancer on May 6, 2006. Bernice lost her mother when she was very young. Her two sisters Margaret and Mildred were killed in a deadly train accident during World War II which left Bernice as the oldest of six children. One older brother, Alvin was overseas when the tragic auto-train accident occurred. The burden of mothering the little ones was left to her. She raised those children, attended school, and later in life married and lived in the St. Johns area most of her life. She adopted four children. Funeral and burial were in St. Johns, Mi.

Margaret Daller Schafer, 73, of Muir passed away on July 5, 2006 at her home with her family by her side. She was born Sept. 20, 1932, the daughter of William and Lena Gasper Daller. She married Ronald Schafer on May 12, 1956 at St. Mary's in Miriam. She worked for the state of Michigan as an executive secretary with the Dept. of Public Health for 20 years. She graduated from St. Peter and Paul High School in Ionia and was a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hubbardston. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald in 2001; sister Doris Grant; and brother, Ralph Daller. Margaret is survived by three daughters, Karen and Steven Riley of Stevensville, Carol Fink and Herbert Nelson of Webberville, Nancy and Randy Phelps of Ada; seven grandchildren; brother William and Jean Daller of Belding; sister-in-law, Pat and Fritz Laux of Ionia and brother-in-law, Richard Grant of Belding. Her funeral was at St. John the Baptist Church in Hubbardston with burial in the church cemetery. Margaret was a loyal and enthusiastic HAHS member and a very good friend. Rest in peace!

Helen McGinn McKenna, 80, died peacefully at home on July 19, 2006 with her family at her side. She was the daughter of George and Loretta O'Connell McGinn of Hubbardston. She graduated from St. John the Baptist High and and Ionia County Normal and attended Central Michigan University. She taught in Belding and Palo schools before settling in Lansing in 1948. She was a member of Holy Cross Parish and provided a home full of love, laughter and unity. She was very gentle and caring wife, mother and grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was greatly admired and loved by everyone she touched. Helen was the beloved wife of Patrick McKenna for 58 years. She is survived by 5 daughters, 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and brothers, Gerald "Jack (Jenny) and Raymond "Bish" (Marion) and Patrick "Dugan" (Betty); and close friend Anita Daly. Funeral service by Fr. Maurice Hayes was held on Saturday July 22, 2006 at Holy Cross Church in Lansing. Committal was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Respite House, 1404 Hatch Rd., Okemos, Mi. 48864 or the American Cancer Society. Pat and Helen were faithful members of Post 182 and the Hubbardston Area Historical Society and enjoyed their association with family and friends as they visited the 'old home town.' They were a terrific couple and great friends to all of us. Peace!

"Aunt Mary" Gannon-Accident-Jan.9th 1924

A very sad incident occurred on the night of Fr. Landers' death. Mrs. Mary Gannon, a much esteemed lady known to everyone in Hubbardston as "Aunt Mary" was summoned from her home (Joe and Eva Burns home later) to the rectory about 2:00 a.m. the morning of his death. She arose hastily, dressed herself and started: it was only a short distance: it is supposed in her hurry she stumbled over roots of a tree and fell with such a force as to injure herself internally. She was carried to the rectory and died in twelve hours. She was born in County Tipperary, Ireland and came to this country 25 years ago settling in Hubbardston. She was a sister to John and Dennis Cahalan and has a married son living in Minnesota. Her husband died in Ireland. "Aunt Mary" was loved and respected by everybody and her death is deeply regretted. Her funeral was held from St. John's Church on Jan. 12th and the esteem and respect in which she is held was testified to by the large congregation in attendance. Fr. Hayden of Watervliet (Water-va-leet) officiated at the services. (Peter Burns)

Jake Scheaffer, Percheron National Champions

On Thursday evening June 22, 2006 we were delighted to listen to 94 year old Jake Scheaffer as he rendered the history of the Horse-Breeding Associations which he had been 'partnered with and involved in their formation' over the past many years. Widowed 40 years ago, Jake lives alone, raises registered Percheron horses, pigs and cattle. He takes care of the whole farm operation himself and is in perfect health. He

related names and dates and transactions which would make your head swim. He has been involved with showing champions for 79 years. For 40 years he was a member of the Michigan State Board Draft Horse Association beginning in 1963. He owned the Percheron Grand champion two years in a row, which he purchased in Canada. His father bought the first Sheaffer mare in 1925 and the same blood lines are still being raised. Jake's recall of names, sales, mares, sires, champions, etc. is absolutely amazing. Jack and Neil McCallum, blacksmiths at MSU were both from Scotland and are buried (in a special area) at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lansing. Ralph Hudson headed the MSU farm and all of the MSU horsemen seemed to be from Scotland. He mentioned working and transporting cattle and horses with Hugh Kelly and Owenie Burns. Bob Kelly, Mr. Fogarty, and Ted Williams were stage drivers between Carson-City and Hubbardston. Jake started judging Percheron State Champions in 1976. He is mentioned, among the featured owners affiliated with M.G.'s Prince in the winter 2005-2006 "Draft Horse Journal," which has world-wide circulation. One of Jake's greatest pleasures is watching his sheep and horses graze on his Hayes Road farm in rural Muir, Michigan. The article on M.G.'s Prince is available at the HAHS Museum Room for your perusal.

Jim and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day they were walking past the hospital swimming pool when Jim suddenly jumped into the deep end, sank to the bottom and stayed there. Edna promptly jumped in to save him, swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the head nurse became aware of Edna's heroic act, she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital. When she went to Edna to tell her the news she said, "Edna, I have good news and bad. The good news is you are being discharged; since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping and saving the life of another patient, I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness. The bad news is that Jim, the patient you saved, hung himself in his bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I'm so sorry, but he's dead." Edna replied, "He didn't hang himself; I put him up there to dry." "How soon can I go home?"

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